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SUBJ: NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE FAILS IN BERLIN

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1. VOTE WAS TAKEN ON CDU MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 23 AND IT FAILED BY TWELVE VOTES. VALLOTS WERE CAST IN SEMI-SECRET MANNER (EACH MEMBER RECEIVED THREE CARDS WITH HIS/HER NAME PRINTED ON THEM - ONE MARKED YES, ONE MARKED NO AND ONE MARKED ABSTAIN; WHEN VOTES WERE COUNTED, OFFICIAL OBSERVERS FROM EACH PARTY WERE PRESENT AND COULD SEE HOW THEIR MEMBERS VOTED). SIXTY-FIVE (NUMBER OF CDU MEMBERS PRESENT) VOTED FOR; AND SEVENTY-SEVEN (COMBINED NUMBER OF SPD AND FDP MEMBERS PRESENT) VOTED AGAINST.

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2. VOTE FOR LUEDER AS MAYOR FOLLOWED NO-CONFIDENCE

VOTE. IT WAS ECRET BALLOT WITH MEMBERS ENTERING BOOTH AND THERE IS NO WAY OF DETERMINING HOW INDIVIDUALS VOTED WHEN BALLOTS COUNTED. NEVERTHELESS, RESULT WAS SAME AS NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE: SEVENTY-SEVEN VOTED FOR; AND SIXTY-FIVE AGAINST. COMMENT: THIS WAS CONSIDERED MAJOR DEMONSTRATION OF SPD CONFIDENCE IN SCHUETZ AS WELL AS LUEDER. REPORTEDLY AS MANY AS TEN SPD MEMBERS HAD BEEN READY TO VOTE AGAINST LUEDER BUT BOWED TO SCHUETZ'S APPEAL FOR PARTY UNITY. END COMMENT.

3. BAUMANN WAS ELECTED SENATOR FOR JUSTICE IN VOTE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THAT OF LUEDER. IT WAS ALSO SECRET BALLOT. SEVENTY-SIX VOTED FOR ; SIXTY-FIVE VOTED AGAINST; AND ONE ABSTAINED. COMMENT: ABSTENTION PROBABLY CAST BY SPD MEMBER WHO WAS OPENLY CRITICAL OF BAUMANN WHEN LATTER APPEARED BEFORE SOCIALIST CAUCUS ON JULY 22. END COMMENT.GEORGE

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